

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph appearing on page 9 as follows:

As can be best seen in FIGS. 2 and 3, the particular design of the marker holders 22 is shown extending from one of the W-shaped peaks 24 formed on the cylindrical element 12 of the stent 10. Each of the marker holders 22 include a pair of projecting fingers 26 connected at a notched region 28. The pair of projecting fingers 26 creates a V-shape opening 30 which is adapted to receive a V-shaped end 32 of the radiopaque marker 20. As can best be seen in FIG. 3, the V-shaped opening 30 formed by the pair of projecting fingers 26 creates an angle α which can measure from about 10° - 60° . The notched region 28 creates a spring-like mechanism by allowing the projecting fingers 26 to move inwardly or outwardly, if necessary, in order to receive the V-shaped end 32 of the radiopaque marker 20. Both the projecting fingers 26 and radiopaque marker 20 include a mounting region in which at least a portion of the projecting fingers 26 makes contact with at least a portion of each marker 20. As can be seen in FIGS. 2 and 3, the mounting region of the radiopaque marker 20 has a substantially linearly extending contact edge (on both sides of the marker) which comes in contact with the substantially linearly extending contact edge formed on each projecting finger 26. This structure allows the mounting region of the marker 20 to be moved within the V-shaped opening 30 until a sufficient length of the contact edges formed on the marker 20 comes into contact with the contact edge of each projecting finger. As mentioned above, this structure allows the marker 20 to be manufactured with less precision while still allowing the marker 20 to be mounted and attached within the V-shaped opening 30. The V-shaped end 32 of the radiopaque marker 20 creates an angle β which is substantially the same size as angle α , except that the angle β may be slightly larger in order to achieve a snug fit of the V-shaped end 32 into the V-shaped opening 30. Accordingly, when the V-shaped end 32 is placed in the V-shaped opening 30, the projecting fingers 26 can move outward, if necessary, in order to create a snug fit between these two components, as is shown in FIG. 2.